



Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Attn: Victim Witness Volunteer/Intern Program
301 West Jefferson Street, 9th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003



The Maricopa County Attorney's Office prosecutes thousands of cases every year. Volunteers and interns in our Victim Witness Division play an important role in these prosecutions.

Everyday, hardworking volunteers and interns help victims through some of the most difficult situations an individual can face. Volunteers provide support to people by explaining how our system of justice works, by attending court proceedings with the victim and by being there when the victim needs someone to talk to.

If you would like to participate in our volunteer program, and can effectively handle emotionally difficult situations, please contact our Victim Witness Division at 506-8522. Your assistance in helping people help themselves will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Romley
Maricopa County Attorney

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BECOME A VICTIM WITNESS VOLUNTEER



Responsibilities
Qualifications



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Each year thousands of victimized Arizonans report crimes to their local law enforcement agencies. It is the duty of the



Maricopa County Attorney's Office to prosecute felony offenses that occur within the county and outside local city limits. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is the sixth largest prosecutor's office in the country. The office has more than 300 Deputy County Attorneys who prosecute more than 37,000 felony offenses each year.

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is committed to preserving the safety of the citizens of the county by aggressively prosecuting those who break the law. The office is also committed to providing information and services to victims of crime to minimize any hardships they may encounter and to aid their recovery.

Victims of crime often carry an enormous burden. The emotional, financial and physical harm caused by a crime can be devastating. In addition, the complicated rules, procedures and unfamiliar terminology can create even more trauma for victims.

As a Victim Witness Volunteer/Intern, you can aid victims in their recovery from crime, assist them in their efforts to seek justice and help ensure the criminal justice system is responsive to the rights of victims.

Responsibilities

The Victim Witness Division of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office assists victims of crime participating in the criminal justice system. Volunteers/Interns support victims by:

- Giving them information about their rights and about what they may expect throughout the criminal justice system
- Providing victims with case and criminal justice or juvenile justice system information throughout prosecution
- Providing emotional support
- Addressing the concerns that victims may have about their case and their participation in prosecution
- Giving victims information regarding restitution
- Accompanying victims to court to help them understand the proceedings
- Providing information and referrals to community and social service agencies in order to meet victims' needs for compensation, counseling, or other assistance



Volunteers/Interns continue to help victims throughout prosecution by:

- Providing by telephone information about the status of the victim's case
- Assisting victims in such areas as property return, scheduling pre-trial interviews, and notification of court dates
- Acting as a liaison between the victim and the Deputy County Attorney and other criminal justice professionals

Qualifications

Victim Witness Volunteers/Interns must . . .

- Be 18 years of age or older (21 years of age preferred)
- Pass a background check and fingerprinting
- Have a valid Arizona Drivers License and personal transportation to and from volunteer placement
- Successfully complete a 24-hour training session at the office of the Victim Witness Division
- Agree to volunteer a **minimum** of four hours per week, giving a **minimum** of six months for volunteers and one semester for interns
- Have a mature, non-judgmental and sensitive nature
- Be able to communicate well with victims, witnesses and criminal justice professionals
- Be able to work both independently and as a team member



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Detach and mail

For more information, please detach and return this Reply Card.

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

I would like more information about:

_____ Becoming a Victim Witness Volunteer

_____ Becoming a Victim Witness Intern: School _____ Major: _____